

1 AN ACT relating to schools.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 18-12 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/18-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 18-12)

7 Sec. 18-12. Dates for filing State aid claims.} The  
8 school board of each school district shall require teachers,  
9 principals, or superintendents to furnish from records kept  
10 by them such data as it needs in preparing and certifying  
11 under oath or affirmation to the regional superintendent its  
12 school district report of claims provided in Sections 18-8  
13 through 18-10 on blanks to be provided by the State  
14 Superintendent of Education. The district claim shall be  
15 based on the latest available equalized assessed valuation  
16 and tax rates, as provided in Section 18-8 and shall use the  
17 average daily attendance as determined by the method outlined  
18 in Section 18-8 and shall be certified and filed with the  
19 regional superintendent by July 1. Failure to so file by  
20 July 1 constitutes a forfeiture of the right to receive  
21 payment by the State until such claim is filed and vouchered  
22 for payment. The regional superintendent of schools shall  
23 certify the county report of claims by July 15; and the State  
24 Superintendent of Education shall voucher for payment those  
25 claims to the State Comptroller as provided in Section 18-11.

26 If any school district fails to provide the minimum  
27 school term specified in Section 10-19, the State aid claim  
28 for that year shall be reduced by the State Superintendent of  
29 Education in an amount equivalent to .56818% for each day  
30 less than the number of days required by this Act. However,  
31 if the State Superintendent of Education determines that such

1 failure to provide the minimum school term was occasioned by  
2 an act or acts of God, or was occasioned by conditions beyond  
3 the control of the school district which posed a hazardous  
4 threat to the health and safety of pupils, the State aid  
5 claim need not be reduced.

6 If, during any school day, (i) a school district has  
7 provided at least one clock hour of instruction but must  
8 close the schools due to adverse weather conditions or a  
9 hazardous threat to the health and safety of pupils prior to  
10 providing the minimum hours of instruction required for a  
11 full day of attendance, or (ii) the school district must  
12 delay the start of the school day due to adverse weather  
13 conditions or a hazardous threat to the health and safety of  
14 pupils and this delay prevents the district from providing  
15 the minimum hours of instruction required for a full day of  
16 attendance, the partial day of attendance may be counted as a  
17 full day of attendance. The partial day of attendance and the  
18 reasons therefor shall be certified in writing within a month  
19 of the closing or delayed start by the local school district  
20 superintendent to the Regional Superintendent of Schools for  
21 forwarding to the State Superintendent of Education for  
22 approval.

23 No exception to the requirement of providing a minimum  
24 school term may be approved by the State Superintendent of  
25 Education pursuant to this Section unless a school district  
26 has first used all emergency days provided for in its regular  
27 calendar.

28 If the State Superintendent of Education declares that an  
29 energy shortage exists during any part of the school year for  
30 the State or a designated portion of the State, a district  
31 may operate the school attendance centers within the district  
32 4 days of the week during the time of the shortage by  
33 extending each existing school day by one clock hour of  
34 school work, and the State aid claim shall not be reduced,

1 nor shall the employees of that district suffer any reduction  
2 in salary or benefits as a result thereof. A district may  
3 operate all attendance centers on this revised schedule, or  
4 may apply the schedule to selected attendance centers, taking  
5 into consideration such factors as pupil transportation  
6 schedules and patterns and sources of energy for individual  
7 attendance centers.

8 No State aid claim may be filed for any district unless  
9 the clerk or secretary of the school board executes and files  
10 with the State Superintendent of Education, on forms  
11 prescribed by the Superintendent, a sworn statement that the  
12 district has complied with the requirements of Section  
13 10-22.5 in regard to the nonsegregation of pupils on account  
14 of color, creed, race, sex or nationality.

15 No State aid claim may be filed for any district unless  
16 the clerk or secretary of the school board executes and files  
17 with the State Superintendent of Education, on forms  
18 prescribed by the Superintendent, a sworn statement that to  
19 the best of his or her knowledge or belief the employing or  
20 assigning personnel have complied with Section 24-4 in all  
21 respects.

22 (Source: P.A. 90-98, eff. 7-11-97.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
24 July 1, 2001.